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Prosecutor Hoyne Seeing Red Frames up to Trap Wagenknecht

SELECTION OF JURY IN CHICAGO COMMUNIST CASES
DRAGS. — VENIREMEN PROFESS PREJUDICE.

Macley Hoyne, Illinois State's attorney, who is supervising the trials of a large group of "reds", consisting of 41 members of the Communist Labor Party and 85 members of the Communist Party, which opened in Judge Oscar Hebel's court at Chicago, May 10th, is visualizing red wherever he looks. In this respect, he is fully the equal of Attorney General Palmer and it is feared that unless he is soon able to unearth something of a real red character, his mind may give way beneath the strain of its frightful fancies.

Chicago papers of May 25th carried lurid headlines connecting A. Wagenknecht, Executive Secretary of the Communist Labor Party, with a letter said to have been received by Hoyne of that date. The entire procedure bears all the marks of a frameup such as has often been worked with complete success upon labor leaders in the past. According to the Chicago papers an attempt was made by a would be assassin upon the life of Hoyne by firing a shot thru the window of his home. From this an attempt is made to build a frameup which will connect the shooting with Wagenknecht who is one of 15 Communists who have not as yet been apprehended upon indictments furnished by the Chicago authorities.

Chicago radicals, who are acquainted with the individuals named therein, state that the letter in its wording, spelling, misuse of the English language and general characteristics, bear them out in attributing it to the hand of Michael Flanagan, head of the Thiel detective agency, which has since the January raids, been employed by the bankers and business men of the Loop district to spy upon radicals and work up evidence against the "red menace." A slush fund of \$40,000 is said to have been raised for this purpose.

Copy of "Red" Letter

"New York—May 21—1920—Mr. State's Attorney Hoyne and dirty dog Henry Berger and Barnhardt (Assistant State's Attorney Marvin Barnhardt) and Mike Flanagan of the Thiel agency—We want you all to know that you all have been found guilty by this committee; of conspiring against 200 men and women and therefore I have been instructed to write to you and let you know that you will be shot at the first opportunity we get. We mean all

of you; especially Flanagan, the dirty crook detective; this is our second letter to you—rely on the men or you will be shot soon. We have spies as well as you got and we know what you are planning as well as you know what we are planning.

"You can say goodbye to all your friends if you don't release these men in ten days; we know that the bankers are paying you to put us in the jails. But let us tell you something what to tell the bankers including the president of the first national bank; that we will put him in hell just as well as you. We will meet him some this day and make him a surprise of something and the other bankers too.

board;
"By order of the national executive board;
"Baker, Lindgrand and Bilan.
"A. Wagenknecht, executive secretary (this signature in rubber stamp).
"This is your last notice."

Communists cases move slowly.

The selection of the jury in the Communist cases moves very slowly and it is to this that the radicals attribute Hoyne's anxiety to create a sentiment against them, such as Palmer attempted previous to May 1st. At the present time only five of the needed 12 jurors have been selected. The nearly six hundred veniremen have been examined. Many weeks will probably elapse before the jury is completed. Four of the accused communists have been dismissed by Judge Hebel. District Attorney Hoyne has not as yet appeared as an active participant in the cases. Frank Comerford, M. Barnhardt and Lloyd Heth handling the prosecution. The defense attorneys are (Continued on page 4.)

"Why air them dod-burned-hoss-stealin' Soshlists a sich like, allus usin' force & vilence! Atty. General Pammer just found out that them aig suckers tried to blow up Noah & the ark! If they want to vote, why dont the cusses go to the santimonious ballot box & vote fer honest paytriotis like Senator Newberry & me." &c.



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You can't always measure the value of a dollar by what it will buy in a general way. There is still another measure for the dollar and that measure is the need of it at a particular time. When you have many of them—their purchasing power is not so important. Quantity balances quality. But when you have only a few and the purchasing power has dwindled to about one third—then, even a 33 cent dollar looks as big and bright as a brand new full moon.

Last week we told you on this page of the paper shortage, of the very grave situation of The Toiler because of it and the lack of funds in The Toiler treasury—of the absolute necessity of getting funds immediately to purchase paper if we were to continue publication. But in spite of the paper shortage, paper can be had—for dollars. Even a truth-telling weekly paper such as The Toiler can obtain paper if dollars are at hand.

And there is the trouble, comrades, and readers of The Toiler. Just as we told you last week, we have no funds to buy newsprint. We want to repeat—in spite of the difficulties of obtaining news print, in spite of the conspiracy which is said to exist against the smaller weeklies, in spite of the conspiracy which WE KNOW exists in certain circles to kill The Toiler in any way—and several ways have been tried this past year, in spite of all these—we know how to get all the newsprint we need for many months. We know whom to see, we know what wheels to turn to start hundreds of reams of paper to roll our way—if you will help us get the money needed to pay for it. We have learned how to do that in battling for The Toiler these past trying months—and we have learned it well.

The rest is up to you, comrades, we believe we have done our duty. We have found the ways—you must help us find the means. It is not much that we ask, just a little from each of you who believe in The Toiler and its mission; who believe that in this particular crisis a little 33 cent dollar is not too much to give to it to sustain it in its struggle for the education and emancipation of the workers.

And now we repeat what we state in the first paragraph—that in this particular instance, that measley, blackened, torn, 33 cent dollar in your pocket is worth more NOW than ever before. Because it will insure the continuation of The Toiler by supplying the needed paper upon which to print; by making certain that which we MUST have if we are to do our work—yours and ours. Twenty five hundred dollars will pay for ten tons of newsprint. Ten tons of paper mean a good long lease of life and a chance to do a whole lot of needed socialist work—a whole lot of educational work among the workers.

We know this is worth while. You realize it is too. Already the dollars are coming in. We ask you also to drop at least one dollar in the stream of dollars that is to revolve the wheels that keep The Toiler turning out each and every week the necessary education and inspiration which the workers must have to win a world for those who toil.

SEND YOUR DOLLAR NOW!

BOURGEOIS BANKRUPTCY

The bankruptcy of the leadership of the bourgeoisie is becoming more and more evident as one industrial crisis after another follows in quick succession. Not one of the recent national strikes has been settled upon a basis that will stand up under the first breath of the next industrial whirlwind that strikes it. The mishandling of industrial disputes under the leadership of the bourgeois economists and master minds of bourgeois political science is a mere running in circles that becomes more vicious the longer it continues.

It is amusing to observe the different stages of bourgeois thought in regard to industrial justice to the workers. Time was when the employing class conceded the worker nothing as a moral or just return for his expended energies. The worker took what the employer decided he should have whether it was much or little—and it was always little enough. During these times the famous slogan of the A. F. of L., "A fair day's pay for a fair day's work," was almost revolutionary. It was an attempt to establish a recognition that labor was entitled to enough of its product to maintain its life and the functions of the human being.

While the war did not materially change the conception of Gompers and the officialdom of the A. F. of L. regarding this, it and the outlaw strikes have practically brought the capitalist employers to agreement with that principle. They have caught up with Gompers and even stand a chance to surpass him in recognition of now "rights" for labor. We hear a good deal about the "right to work." Gompers has not conceded this right, but perhaps he will by the time the capitalist class grant it under pressure from the outlaw strikes.

The right to work carries with it the right to the product—at least intelligent labor will claim that. Gompers and the exploiters of labor are in agreement that no such right follows. Both believe in exploitation of labor by capital as a fundamental moral and legal right.

The right to work and the right to a "living" wage, brings up the question of "what is living," and how well is the worker entitled to live? So, we are in a circle, having gotten nowhere unless we can solve these questions. The bourgeoisie cannot solve them. The moment they attempt it they are confronted with their own economic interests for the better the workers live, the less is the employers' share. Upon the rock of the division of the products of labor in the bourgeoisie of salvation found to crash. There is no getting around it for the necessities of the workers lives demand they steer for it while the salvation of the capitalist system and the

continuance of profit taking demand its avoidance. The scariest of the capitalist class can come to solving this irreconcilable antagonism is to grant a living wage—whatever that may mean. But it is a solution which does not solve. The workers will not accept it. As long as there is exploitation, the class-war must continue.

The bourgeoisie leaders and spokesmen accept the idea that something is wrong but they have no solution to offer. The best they can offer are but mere threats to the workers to pacify them for a little while. They have no bridge to span this chasm. As world leaders, the bourgeoisie are bankrupt; they have reached the end of their rope. The class war grows more intense, production breaks down, national and international economy cracks under the strain of industrial strife. The crisis approaches and the workers are forced to take the leadership and to steer the industrial craft thru the whirlpools into the quiet waters of industrial and economic justice.

This is the course which events are taking. Bourgeois spokesmen may wallow and cavil but capitalism is crumbling faster than they can erect supports against it. The future belongs to labor. There is the only solution which can bring peace to a world in class conflict. The control of industry by the producers alone, will raise man above a struggling slave or an arrogant master and weld them into one common mass without inharmonious ends or irreconcilable economic differences.

GO WEST!

—By Boomer—
That grand old man, Horace Greely used to say: "Go west young man and grow up with the country." Should he be living today and give advice, it would probably be "go west young man and get in jail" if you believe in the rights of free speech. For there is not a jail in the west even in the smaller towns that have not held, or is holding: radicals picked up since the Centralia tragedy of Nov. 11th.

And what does that mean to the labor movement? It means that capitalism has turned the jails into schools for the manufacture of radicals, as many a man has been only a lukewarm sympathizer at the time of being "selected" but by the time he got a two or three month sample of modern justice, he became a sure enough class conscious guy. Especially has Multnomah Co. Jail, Portland, Ore., been a good school for this education, as there are thirty or more of us in the one corridor who have been in since Nov. 11th. We no getting around it for the necessities of the workers lives demand they steer for it while the salvation of the capitalist system and the

upon the inmates of the other corridors who in the main are bootleggers, white slavers, etc. As an indication in a straw vote taken a few days ago Debs was the only one who got a look in.

We have lost three of our members by reason of an urgent invitation to visit Salem, State Prison, for a period of 2-3 years. Two of the sejoirners were members of the C. L. P. and the third one was convicted of being one of those "terrible" I. W. W.'s, but on investigation it was found he belonged to everything ever heard of around these parts. It is not hard to convict a man here only a little tedious as Oregon has not got its own corps of stool pigeons yet, it has to borrow some from Washington, and as they have been rather busy in that state lately they have to book ahead for open dates.

Another little matter that seems to be worrying the persecutors and dispensers of "justice" is that those prisoners have heard something about being entitled to a jury trial, so they all refuse to be satisfied with a part of a jury. They are all holding firm for a separate and individual trial and since they are all migratory workers a little thing like being held in jail six months or a year is of no moment to any one concerned save the taxpayers, who ever they may be—at least none of them are relatives of ours.

Justice! Yes, there is one way to get it for the workers and that is by the workers becoming the dominant factor in society. Workers should devote more time to education so as to be able to handle their new found industrial freedom when it is attained. Well, I am not going to worry, considering all the men and women receiving their education in the bastilles of capitalism it makes me rather optimistic. To all who want to get a class conscious education, if you are being overlooked in the east or other parts of the country. Allow me to invite you to Portland jail, as we have room for several comrades, brothers, fellowworkers or just folks, whichever ever you may be.

TOM WALDON
Co. Jail, Portland, Ore.

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PALMER USES DETECTIVE AGENCY IN WAR ON RADICALS

WASHINGTON.—Direct connection between the murderous campaign of the Baldwin-Feltz Detective Agency against labor in West Virginia and Attorney General Palmer's raids against so-called "reds" is now established by means of official government documents.

It was at Palmer's instigation that the Department of Labor issued hundreds of warrants for aliens, based on Palmer's alleged prima facie evidence covering "2,000 perfect cases" of men and women who should be deported for radical beliefs. While the law requires that such warrants be served only by officers of the Labor Department, a great number of aliens were seized by Palmer's men and by local police or private detectives.

Carl Cram, of West Virginia is one of the aliens thus arrested. On April 23rd, Immigration Inspector O'Brien formally notified the Labor Department that Carl Cram was being held by the Baldwin-Feltz detectives at Bluefields, West Va., and that the private detectives were clamoring to have the Labor Department officially "parole" Cram in the custody of the Baldwin-Feltz concern.

Attention is called to the fact that the private strike-breaking detectives already held Cram in confinement, but were anxious to have the Labor Department take the responsibility for what they had done and intended further to do with the prisoner. The Baldwin-Feltz pretext was that Cram was needed by the West Virginia authorities as a witness against one Tony Stafford, charged with attempted murder.

Mother Jones, the famous friend and comforter of the working class, declares that Tony Stafford is an intelligent and lawful champion of the workers, whose only crime is his determined opposition to the feudal mine owners of West Virginia. To all who know the circumstances, the implication was clear that the Baldwin-Feltz detectives were plotting to use a deportation warrant to hold Carl Cram and "third degree" him as a witness against Stafford and all others whom they wished to get.

Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, was willing and anxious to cooperate with the private detectives. Within a few hours after he received the request, forwarded by Inspector O'Brien, Caminetti made out a formal order to parole Carl Cram in custody of Baldwin-Feltz. In the old days before Louis F. Post began to scrutinize Caminetti's work, that would have settled just the way the mine owners' thugs wanted it. But the Assistant Secretary of Labor did not rubber-stamp Caminetti's recommendation. Across its face, on the contrary, he wrote: "Parole denied L. F. P."

Then Mr. Post communicated directly with Inspector O'Brien, directing him immediately to recover the person of Carl Cram from the Baldwin-Feltz detectives, and adding the information that if the regularly constituted authorities of West Virginia wished to use Cram as a witness against Stafford or any one else, those authorities could procure the full cooperation of the Labor Department if they would state the facts and make an official application.

Caminetti is Palmer's "inside man" at the Department of Labor. In the whole campaign of terrorism conducted by the Attorney General for the past year Caminetti has been an active assistant. It was he, figuratively, who christened the Buford when that vessel carried the first cargo of men and women into exile from America, and it was his honest ambition to churn the Atlantic with subsequent fleets of exiles from our "democracy." To this end he welcomed the cooperation of such gentry as the Baldwin-Feltz detectives.

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RUSSIA'S INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.
MOSCOW.—The locomotive factories in Kharkov are working with full speed. During the last two weeks two new locomotives were manufactured and three repaired. Besides a great number of freight cars were repaired. The trains on the Wolga-Bugulma line are now running the distance in 48 hours which previously required 11 days. The workers of Alexandria line have voluntarily prolonged their working day. The first labor army in the Ekaterinburg district has already repaired 66 railroad bridges. Traffic on the railroad lines south of Moscow is rapidly being reopened. During March, 513 locomotives and 1,400 cars were repaired. Ten complete trains were organized. The reports of the commission for the Third Railroad District of the Moscow area line show a general and considerable improvement in the traffic. All orders are fulfilled with military strictness. During "transportation week" 468 seriously damaged locomotives were repaired. Aski writes in "Pravda" that during the first week of April in Soviet Russia 6,595 freight cars were loaded and unloaded. This constituted an increase of 1,500 cars over the previous week.

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